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SUBJECT: GOI STATEMENT ON EC MINISTERIAL

1. FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS RELEASED AT FONOFF IN CONEECTION WITH RECENT EC FONMINIS MEETING:

QUOTE IN CONNECTION WITH INTERPRETATIONS WHICH HAVE APPEARED IN THE PRESS, IT IS BELIEVED OPPORTUNE TO STATE THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE POLICY AIMED AT A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE EC AND THE US. THEREFORE, ALSO IN THE RECENT EUROPEAN MINISTERIAL MEETINGS, THE FONMIN HAS CONTINED TO GIVE EVERY SUPPORT OF ITALY TO PURSUE THE DESIRED UNITY OF PURPOSE AMONG THE NINE COUNTRIES OF THE COMMUNITY.
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QUOTE IN PARTICULAR IT CAN BE OBSERVED THAT THE REMARKS OF SENATOR MEDICI WERE AIMED AT FACILITATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE UNITED STATES. END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: FONOFF STATEMENT APPEARS DESIGNED TO COUNTERACT ALMOST UNIFORM ITALIAN PRESS REPORTAGE CHARACTERIZING EC FONMINS MEETING AS HAVING RESULTED IN CLOSE IDENTITY OF FRENCH AND ITALIAN VIEWS ON NEARLY EVERY ISSUE, INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF EC- US RELATIONS. AMONG THE SPECIFIC POINTS OF AGREEMENT REPORTED BY THE PRESS WERE: A) MEDICI JOINED JOBERT IN OPPOSING A EUROPEAN- US SUMMIT, NOTING THAT RESULTS CAN COME ALSO FROM BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS; B) MEDICI OPPOSED GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS AND C) MEDICI APPEARED TO DISPARAGE IDEA OF NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, HOWEVER, STATEMENTS OF FONMINISTRY CONTACTS AT HIGH AND WORKING LEVELS HAVE CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED REPORTING FROM OTHER POSTS THAT FRANCE WAS ISOLATED FROM OTHER 8 (INCLUDING GOI). BEAUDRY

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